

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 8-16 and 18-29 (not claims 1-16 and 18-29 as stated in the Office Action) are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 3-5, 8-16 and 18-29 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of copending applications 10/014,278.

A Terminal Disclaimer, in which the assignee disclaims the terminal portion of any patent that issues from this application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the term of any patent granted on Application Serial No. 10/014,278, accompanies this response. Also included is a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) that shows the chain of title from the inventor to the present assignee.

In view of these enclosed documents, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the double patenting rejection and to allow the present application to issue.

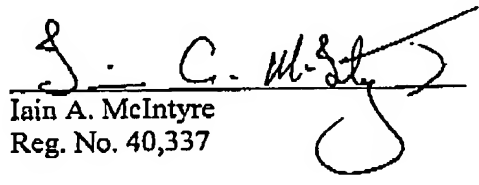
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Iain A. McIntyre at 612-436-9610.

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